Southington Oct. 29th 1829. Thursday Morning

My dear Brother

Your letter of Aug. 22. reached me on the 16th instant & you will readily imagine that its contents were of such a nature as to arouse my feelings & create a considerable degree of uneasiness. Since I had voluntarily consented to the disposal of my bank stock I endeavored to make the best of it & to believe that it would not in the end result to my disadvantage, but your remarks have had the effect to dispel this confidence & when I suffer myself to think seriously upon the subject I am almost induced to regret that I did consent to the arrangement. — I did not suppose that brother George would advise, or that brother Charles would propose any course which would be ~~any~~ injurious to me & therefore (desiring to aid the latter in his misfortunes,) I agreed to the disposal thereof.— I felt however much as you do about it, viz that as my property then stood I was independent, & not at all subject to the caprice of any one but that in submitting to this arrangement I was casting myself almost entirely upon one brother. Yet I did it from honest motives trusting it would relieve him from his embarrassments & that I should not suffer materially from it— if I do I must learn the lesson of submission, & of resignation. — — I do not infer from your letter that you blame me, the severity of your remarks seems to fall upon C— for not attempting some other means of extrication & likewise upon G— for advising to this course— I did not believe at the time that you would have consented, but G— seemed to think there was no other way to meet the emergency but by the pledge of my stock, & said that when you returned he thought some ~~other~~ arrangement would be made to clear my property— The Cashier advised C— to sell rather than pledge the stock & it was done— My heart ached for poor C— I never saw him so downcast & I felt as if I was willing to sacrifice almost everything— — Believe me my dear brother I am not insensible to the kindly interest you incidentally expressed throughout your letter the perusal of which caused tears to flow. — Of course I have not mentioned your feelings on the subject to C— neither have I had an opportunity of conversing with G—. I shall however speak to the latter when I see him again & tell him your opinion upon his advice, if you have not already done it by letter.

With regard to the affair upon which I requested your opinion & advice, I have nothing to say, except that it is probably at rest forever. — — —

We were very agreeably surprised about three weeks since by a visit from Prof. Stuart & Lady. They passed the night with us on their way to New Haven Wilton &c & were so agreeable that we were exceedingly gratified by the interview. He has not I presume abandonned any of his notions since you were with him, he had his box of Sal Eratus of which he made use in his tea & in cold water &c. They made themselves quite at home & I thought seemed pleased with their entertainment, at least I exerted myself to render their stay with us as comfortable as possible. He showed me a letter of yours of a later date than we had then received which was an additional gratification. They had some idea of going to Mr Ogden's that night, but the family were absent & had they been at home I think we should easily have prevailed upon them to remain with us. — However when they returned last week they intended to pass the night at Mr O—s but as the latter had not arrived they put up at the Tavern. — As I was absent from home at that time it was as well that they did not come here, though Nancy would have been happy to have seen them & so would have entertained them with pleasure so far as she was able —

You ask whether Ann was contended at Hartford. She has been & very much pleased & I think has improved in manners & appearance. The term closed last week & she has now gone home, it is uncertain whether she will return. I urged it strongly & hope she will as I think the advantages to be derived from a longer continuance in the school are very great. Her Father came on after her & spent three days with us. he urged me to return with them & spend the winter, but I declined on account of the health of Miss Clara & sister N—. I promised however that if nothing extraordinary occurred I would visit them in the Spring & stay until your return. Harmony seems to be again restored between the families & I am rejoiced that it is so. I attended the Exhibition of the Hartford Fem. Sem. at the close of the term & was exceedingly gratified. It consisted of the public reading of Compositions & of a Report from the Teachers. The examination of the school had been continued through two weeks previous. The compositions exhibited (about ten or twelve in number) were well written & evinced well cultivated minds. They were read by Dr Barber an Englishman, who is attached in some way to Yale Col. as a Teacher of Elocution. —

Our Parson has been absent a part of this month & has attended the meeting of the A.B.C. at Albany. He says he was much pleased, & perhaps it may awaken or produce something of a Miss. spirit within him, & it is to be hoped so far at least as to cause him to remember the appointment of the Monthly Concert. He was absent two Sabbaths & we had only Deacon meetings. — Our basement room has recently been plastered, & one Sab. we met in the Episcopal Church & the last on the floor of our new house. Temporary seats were put up for the accommodation of the congregation, as very little is yet done to the interior —

Sister Nancy has recovered her health but not her strength, as her child is far from being quiet, & consequently requires great care both day & night. She i.e. Elisabeth ~~it~~ seems to be pretty well & gains fast but perhaps she would not compare with her German cousin, as she seldom smiles, & in that respect is like what Cornelia was at the same age.

Charles left home on Thursday last for New York & has not yet returned. His object in going was to get a fine Horse which he could have kept while the owner was absent in England. He expected to have returned on Monday but was unexpectedly detained & we are now looking for him hourly. Your letter to him came yesterday, but I have not ventured to break the seal, although I am anxious to know its contents. I thought it might perhaps contain something relative to the Milford business which he would not like to have his wife see & that therefore it was inexpedient to open it. I hope too he may yet come before I am obliged to close this. — Miss Clark has lately heard of the death of her only sister at Meredith. She died in July having been declining for several months. Thus Miss C— is the last of her family. It appears to me that I could hardly survive all my friends thus. What a loneliness and utter desolation of feeling must be attendant upon such a situation. No one in the wide world to call by the endearing appellation of Father Mother Brother or Sister, none with whom to cast a retrospective glance on the scenes of our childhood & youth when we dwelt in happiness & contentment around the "household hearth" alike ignorant of the trials & the deceitfulness of earth. Alas! for me these days of gladness are gone forever but thanks to a kind Providence I have still brothers & sisters whose hearts I trust are open to share with & sympathise with me in all my joys & sorrows. — I am intending to go to New Haven soon to spend some weeks

The family are all well. G— came up here last week with James H— & spent a few hours. — Helen stays most of the time at N. H. She was here last week & Anna also.

You will see that for the first time I have written you at one sitting. It is now nearly the hour for sending to the office, & therefore I must close with the expression of continued affection for Sister Theron

A kiss for my little niece. With unabated love your Sister Elisabeth

Miss C— & Sister M— desire remembrance to you & Theron

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